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Attorney General John Ashcroft

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Dear General Ashcroft:

It is our opinion that if it weren't for Microsoft and their superb ability and capability to make the operation of computers and the Internet easy for people like us we would STILL be relegated to getting our "news" from the biased newspapers.

Microsoft is getting taken for a ride in our opinion. U.S. lawmakers and politicians have shown no concern for the public's best interests throughout this case, as reflected by the terms of settlement that showcase stipulations that only benefit competitors. Ironically, now you are asking us for our opinion when it doesn't matter nearly as much.

The terms of the settlement will only serve to give leverage to competitors that had no idea how to be more innovative than Microsoft. For instance, Microsoft now has to grant broad new rights to configure Windows so as to make easier the promotion of non-Microsoft products. Microsoft is also documenting and disclosing, for use by competitors, technology that has been developed in-house.

Since we are users and have no complaints as users we think the settlement is flawed. But, because the alternative is further litigation, we would like to see the settlement occur as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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